

Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice

December 4, 2013

1:00pm-4:00pm

**Virginia Department of Fire Programs
1005 Technology Park Drive – Glen Allen, VA 23060**

Members Present

Kevin Appel, Chair
Rita Bishop
Robert Bodenhamer
Jane Brown, proxy for Commissioner of DSS
Richard Campbell
Cynthia Cave, proxy for Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE
Lindsay Fisher
Terone Green
Jerrauld Jones
Malcolm King, proxy for Commissioner of DBHDS
Senator Bryce Reeves
Andrew Slater
Antonio Sutton
Janet Van Cuyk, proxy for Director of DJJ

Members Not Present

Carol Adams
Delegate Robert Bell
Hilary Griffith
Quentin Hicks
Amanda Johnson
Dwight Jones
Catherine Watts
Kim Slayton White

Staff Present

Tracey Jenkins
Laurel Marks

Call to Order/Welcome: Chairman Kevin Appel called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Mr. Appel noted that he is continuing with the ACJJ until his replacement appointment is made.

Approval of Minutes: Members were sent minutes from October 24, 2012, February 20, 2013, and May 22, 2013. Hard copies of minutes from October and February were provided at the May meeting, and hard copies of minutes from May were distributed at this meeting. VOTE:

Judge Jones made a motion to approve all minutes as presented in a block; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Intervening at the Crossroads: Child Abuse and Juvenile Justice: Mr. Appel noted that the conference held in September was well attended and an excellent event. Other members who attended the conference (Malcolm King, Antonio Sutton, Lindsay Fisher, and Janet Van Cuyk) provided their feedback on particular sessions. Particular mention was made of the cross system representation. Tracey Jenkins noted that the 2014 conference will build upon the themes of 2013 and will hopefully continue to bring multiple disciplines together.

Coalition for Juvenile Justice:

Youth Member Conference: Lindsay Fisher attended the Coalition's youth member conference this year and provided a brief summary of the event. She noted that most of the attendees were younger and their unique perspective and that the ACJJ should try to include younger members in its youth membership.

Membership for 2014: Ms. Jenkins reported that CJJ had sent their request for 2014 SAG memberships. The fee to join is \$5,000. Ms. Jenkins and Mr. Appel reminded members that in 2013 the ACJJ did not join as a SAG due to the cost. The dues are one-fourth of the SAG allocation. Last year we opted out so that we could use funds to provide more training and opportunities for SAG members and for our initiatives. Instead, individual memberships were securing for staff and SAG chair, vice-chair, and committee chairs. We are still able to participate in CJJ events and attend meetings, we just cannot vote. Members did discuss the options and commended CJJ for good work and representation of juvenile justice issues on a national level. However, ACJJ members agreed that it would not be a prudent financial decision to join as a SAG. VOTE: Robby Bodenhamer made a motion to opt out of joining as a full SAG, but continue individual memberships as done for 2014; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Jenkins will relay the ACJJ's decision to CJJ's interim director and the reasons behind the decision.

Virginia's Juvenile Justice Data Trends: Janet Van Cuyk presented data on juvenile justice trends in Virginia to the ACJJ. Members asked several questions and discussed the impact of the data and trends. Members were particularly interested in the data presented on the prevalence of psychotropic medications and mental health issues.

JJDP Act Update and Federal Funding: Ms. Jenkins reported that there has been no movement on the JJDP Act reauthorization in the current Congress, though it is expected to be introduced with the expected amendments, including the removal of the VCO provision. In regard to funding, Ms. Jenkins noted that DCJS received the 2013 award in September. As anticipated, Virginia once again received a reduction in funds, though not quite as deep as in the past couple of years. The total for JABG and Title II has dropped below \$1 million.

Ms. Jenkins reminded the ACJJ of the pass-through waiver on the JABG funds beginning with the 2012 award. This was done because the drastic reduction in the funds over the years meant that only a handful of localities qualified for a direct allocation. Localities were notified in mid-2012 of this so that they could prepare. Ms. Jenkins met with the recipients once in the 2012 to gather ideas for the future use of the funds and noted that she would meet with them again on December 5, 2013 to once again discuss use of the funds and how it would fit into the priorities established by the ACJJ.

Ms. Jenkins also noted that DCJS has responded to the decreases by reducing the staff managing the various projects and working with the ACJJ. She reported that DCJS would further reduce staffing by filling the vacancy created by Lloyd Young with a support position as opposed to another analyst.

Juvenile Justice & Child Welfare: Multi-System Integration Program: Ms. Jenkins reminded the group that DCJS was leading a team to participate in a program at Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform. The team currently consists of six – including Malcolm King and someone from DJJ, DSS, and the Commission on Youth. Someone from DOE is expected to be added. Five team members spent seven days attending class in Georgetown in October. Ms. Jenkins explained the evaluation and planning project the team decided on and the potential future of the team, including serving as a conference planning committee for the 2014 juvenile justice conference, and possibly as a subcommittee of the ACJJ. The results of the evaluation and team project could be useful in the ACJJ's next planning cycle. VOTE 1: Mr. Bodenhamer made a motion to endorse the multi-system integration project; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously. VOTE 2: Senator Reeves made a motion to use older SAG administrative funds to fund the evaluation portion of the project; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Three-Year Plan Status Report and Priorities for 2014: Copies of the status report for current plan priorities, goals, objectives, and activities were distributed, as was a summary of the priorities, goals, and objectives. Ms. Jenkins walked members through the summary document, noting where progress has been made during the first two years of the planning period. VOTE: Rita Bishop made a motion to continue the priorities for the third year of the planning cycle; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Updates and Discussion: [NOTE: Some of the subcommittee updates and discussion occurring during the previous agenda item as they related to the funding priorities of the ACJJ]

DMC Subcommittee: Ms. Jenkins noted that the DMC subcommittee met in August. The subcommittee recommended raising awareness of DMC among key stakeholders, specifically judges and CAs. The subcommittee also agreed that Virginia needs to be more active in using, as well as understanding, restorative justice practices, particularly in schools. The recommended activities can fit under existing DMC objectives. This will necessitate some training and program support. Jane Brown noted that clarity on what restorative justice is, and

what specific practices would be funded, should be stated. VOTE: Judge Campbell made a motion to support the recommendations of the DMC subcommittee; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Grants Subcommittee: Ms. Jenkins noted that the grants subcommittee met in August. The subcommittee recommended that DCJS and the administration should seek a general fund appropriation to support ongoing compliance monitoring which is done for the first three core requirements of the JJDP Act. The recommendation is because these requirements are for the protection of youth in the system and should be maintained regardless of federal funding. The recommendation would appear in the annual report as well as in a letter to the Governor. Members discussed the options and timing of the request. Members agreed that rather than wait, efforts should be made to approach the Governor-elect with the recommendation. VOTE: Andrew Slater made a motion that we seek general appropriation funding in support of compliance monitoring; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jenkins reported that a solicitation for proposals is expected to be available early in the new year. The solicitation will reflect the priorities of the ACJJ, as well as feedback from the JABG direct allocation recipients.

Due to the transition of members, and timing, Ms. Jenkins presented a grant proposal for full ACJJ approval, as opposed to the subcommittee. The proposal would provide a grant to DCJS to use unexpended JABG and Title II funds to be used for regional trauma training, support of the multi-system evaluation if SAG funds were not enough, and, if funds are available, support for a new DMC assessment. The exact amount is unknown. VOTE: Antonio Sutton made a motion to recommend CJSB approval of a grant to DCJS in an amount to be determined for regional trauma training, support of the multi-system evaluation if needed, and, if funds are available, support for a new DMC assessment; the motion was seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Spirit of Youth: Ms. Jenkins mentioned that the juvenile justice association has implemented an award very similar to the Spirit of Youth award. The decision for the ACJJ will be whether to continue with the award as is, modify it, or end it. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The ACJJ took a brief break for the nominations subcommittee to meet:

The nominations subcommittee members include: Kevin Appel, Jane Brown, Cindy Cave, Malcolm King, and Janet Van Cuyk. Members discussed possible nominees and agreed on a slate to include Lindsay Fisher as chair and Antonio Sutton as vice-chair.

The ACJJ meeting continued.

Nominations Subcommittee and Election of Officers: The nominations subcommittee met briefly to discuss nominations. Mr. Appel noted that the chair must be a citizen member and not a full-time government employee. VOTE: Mr. Appel, as chair of the nominating committee

nominated Lindsay Fisher as chair and Antonio Sutton as vice-chair; nominations from the floor were called for, none were presented; the motion for the slate presented by the nominating committee passed unanimously.

Old/New Business: Mr. Appel expressed his ongoing support and appreciation for the ACJJ. He noted that as chair for two years, a quorum has only been present twice. Members expressed their disappointment in members who are appointed to the ACJJ, accept the appointment, and then fail to participate. Members expressed their desire that these appointees be removed.

Ms. Jenkins will send out the 2014 meeting schedule as soon as possible.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.